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The Department of Buildings & Inspections (B&I) is pleased to announce the election of Paul E. Myers, Assistant Director of Buildings & Inspections, as the first President of the International Code Council (ICC). Mr. Myers begins his duties as President effective January 1, 2003 when the three model code groups of the Building Officials & Code Administrators International (BOCA), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI) merge into one organization of more than 55,000 members.

The announcement to its members was made at the joint annual conference of BOCA, ICBO, and SBCCI on October 1, 2002 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Myers has been with B&I since 1974 and has served as President of the Southwestern Ohio Building Officials Association (SWOBOA) in 1985, as President of the Ohio Building Officials Association (OBOA) in 1992 and again in 1996, as President of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA) in 2000, and has also served on an impressive list of local, state, national, and international committees. Mr. Myers also sits on the Board of Directors/Steering Committee for the Ohio Council of the National Institute of Building Sciences (OC/NIBS). In his current position as Assistant Director of Buildings & Inspections, Mr. Myers is responsible for the Division of Permits and Plan Review. His knowledge of Codes and Standards and their fair application gives him a solid background to lead ICC into the future as an expert in the area of code enforcement management.

At the 87th annual business meeting of BOCA International, Mr. Myers was also awarded the prestigious *Walker S. Lee Award* for his service to BOCA International and the code enforcement community. Mr. Myers has also received numerous local and state awards in recognition of his dedication and professionalism for the progress of code enforcement.

According to Mr. William V. Langevin, R.A., C.B.O., Director of Buildings & Inspections (B&I), "Mr. Myers has proven to be a versatile, knowledgeable, and qualified leader not only in the Department but in the many leadership positions he has served. I'm sure Mr. Myers will exceed our expectations in this new capacity."

The ICC was founded in 1994 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing a single set of comprehensive and coordinated national model construction codes. The founders of the ICC are Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. (SBCCI). Since the early part of the last century, these nonprofit organizations have developed the three sets of model codes used throughout the United States.